Shaw appeals

JFK assassination records appeals, additions to Harold Weisberg 8/30/79
Jim Garrison, Clay Shaw and David W. Ferrie.

Attached is a copy of the FBI's 11/22/78 letter to me, which I have just reread. I draw your attention to this paragraph:

"For your information, data pertaining to Clay Shaw's and David Ferrie's involvement in the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy or in then District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, was channelled into the New Orleans Field Office files regarding these investigations and no separate files as such were maintained on Clay Shaw or David Ferrie. (emphasis added)

This constitutes confirmation of what I have previously informed you in earlier appeals, that New Orleans has separate files on Garrison and withholds them. In the prior appeals I recall providing you with an 80 number and a 67 filing.

In addition, the formulation is precise and limits reference to records of after the JFK assassination, whereas pre-assassination records are relevant because these men who have been dead for several year have become historically important figures in both investigation. A little pre-assassination information relating to Ferrie has been released but thus does not include his involvements in the Marcello case or in such Cuban activities as gun-running, as I believe I have already informed you in prior appeals.

I have also informed you that FBI contact with Shaw prior to the assassination includes what was necessary because of his and its functions and that in fairness to his memory the historical record should be complete. (The CIA has already disclosed that he was a contact, whether or not more.)

There should be files relevant to both Shaw and Ferrie other than in the assassination files and I intend this addition to the prior appeals to include all the Garrison records, wherever or however filed, and all Shaw and Ferrie records.